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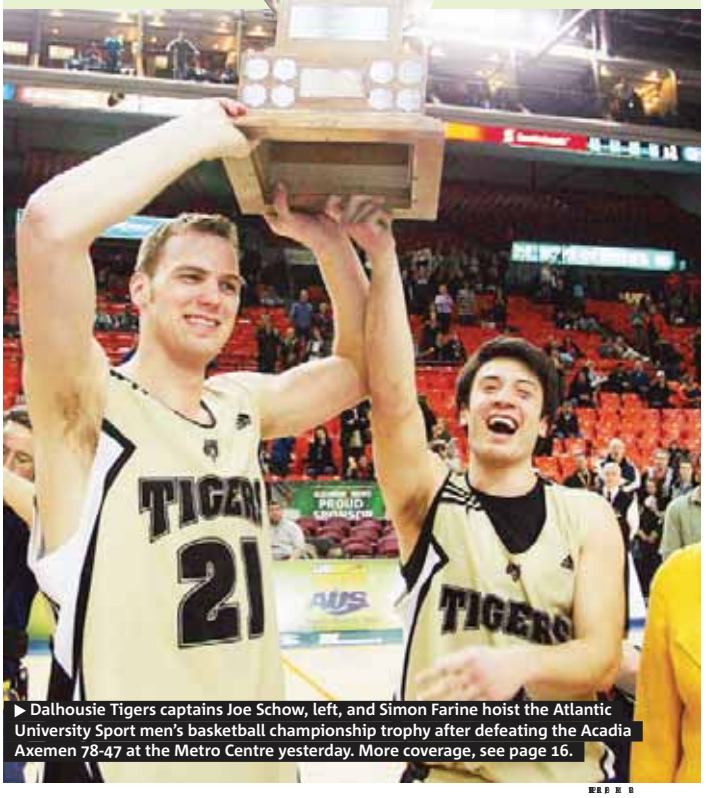
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▶ Dalhousie Tigers captains Joe Schow, left, and Simon Farine hoist the Atlantic University Sport men's basketball championship trophy after defeating the Acadia Axemen 78-47 at the Metro Centre yesterday. More coverage, see page 16.

Tigers emerge as AUS champs

[illegible] ence at this weekend's CIS basketball championship in Halifax.

Warmer weather lifts spirits

Halifax to see milder weather over next two weeks ◐ Forecast to reach 8 C today and, after slight dip, 7 C on Friday ◐ Spring officially starts March 20

Yesterday's warm weather beckoned people from their homes and into the park wearing fewer layers of winter clothing.

The 8 C day — six degrees above the normal temperature for this time of year — drew many to Point Pleasant Park, where a steady flow of people filtered in and out.

A group of female first-year students from the University of King's College enjoyed a two-hour stroll through the park wearing cardigans and light jackets.

"I've been wearing my Birkenstocks for a couple of days without socks ... but my feet aren't cold," said Kimber Lubberts, 19.

"I'm celebrating because there's not as much snow and it's nice."

Lubberts and her four schoolmates agreed they're sick of winter, and the warmer temperature "just feels so good."

The melting snow created lots of muddy puddles, which some avoided while others — including one-year-old Eamon Carrigan, clad in bright red rain boots — marched through.

KRISTIE PEARCE/FOR METRO



▶ Eamon Carrigan, 1, walks his dog, Quila, yesterday.

As dog owners arrived with clean-furred pets, most left with wet mutts covered in mud. Many seemed to be in high spirits as they stopped to chat while crossing paths.

"It's great to see the snow melting and all the dogs out," said Beth Vye, who was lapping up the warm weather with her husband.

"It must be a sign of spring."

KRISTIE PEARCE

Out-of-control student parties

Schools ramp up efforts to rein in destructive bashes {page 6}

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- Opposition members suggest previous Speaker 'took orders' from NDP government
- Premier Dexter declines interview requests from Metro Halifax
- McNeil, Baillie reaffirm need for 'independent' pension review

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▶ Premier Darrell Dexter

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▶ Speaker Gordie Gosse

'Nobody in that office contacted me': Gosse



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Speaker Gordie Gosse says the premier's office had nothing to do with calling for an independent review into MLA pensions.

But he acknowledges the public will have to take him at his word.

The Speaker doesn't attend government meetings and is a fully independent body in the House of Assembly.

But when Metro Halifax filed an access to information request for any correspondence between the premier's office and the Speaker leading up to the announcement of the review in January, the premier's office refused.

"Anything outside (the deliberative functions of parliament) is not within parliamentary privilege and has to be guided by whatever laws are in place ... in this case, the Access to Information Act. It supersedes any other made-up parliamentary privilege."
ERROL MENDES, UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA LAW PROFESSOR

"The records you have requested fall within the purview of the House of Assembly," wrote Greg Keefe, deputy minister to the premier. "Therefore, the Office of the Premier has no authority ... to process your request." Prof. Errol Mendes, an authority on parliamentary privilege, called the premier's office's interpretation "unusual."

"Essentially parliamentary privilege was designed, ironically ... to give rights to members of parliament. Rights against the executive, not protecting the executive," said Mendes.

"It certainly was never, ever intended to be used as a shield for access to information." Gosse said he doesn't see a problem in releasing such information in the future.

"As far as getting stuff from the premier's office, they should be able to give that information out to the general public."

But he was adamant that in this case the executive exerted no pressure on his decision.

"The premier's office, the premier, (chief of staff) Dan O'Connor, nobody in that office contacted me," said Gosse.

"I decided I was going to call the review myself and get it done."

For more coverage, visit metronews.ca/politicsasusual

Gosse's rise to his current position

Toward the end of last year, the opposition Liberals railed against Speaker Charlie Parker for being too close to the governing NDP. On Nov. 4, Liberal MLA Manning MacDonald was ejected from the house after demanding Parker step down. "(Parker's) orders are coming from One Government Place, we're convinced of that," he said then. "We think the independence of the Speaker's Office is gone."

Two months later, Dexter shuffled cabinet and offered Parker a position as energy and natural resources minister. Long-serving NDP MLA Gordie Gosse was installed as the new Speaker on Jan. 19.

Three days later, he called for an independent review of MLA pensions.

ALEX BOUTILIER

Speaker calls for meeting

Speaker Gordie Gosse said Friday he has called for a meeting with Premier Darrell Dexter, Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil, and Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie to discuss the parameters of the MLA pension review.

Gosse said correspondence had been sent to all three parties to inform them of the meeting. Both opposition parties, as well as Dexter, have said the review should be done independently, not by MLAs.

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Common sense approach for parking ban?

- Winter ban should be resolved by late summer or early fall: Mayor Kelly
- Coun. Dawn Sloane believes it's hurting downtown region economically

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▶ People can now park on the street during the overnight hours in the urban core.

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The debate over the ban on overnight winter parking will be dealt with long in advance of next winter, Mayor Peter Kelly said yesterday.

The ban was lifted early for the third year in a row last Friday due to a mild weather forecast for the next two weeks.

The parking-ban issue is being brought to the province's transportation committee on March 24 in hopes of finding a resolution.

"I would hope a degree of common sense prevails during the discussion and a common sense application actually be applied to this situation rather than having this battle year after year," Kelly said, referring to one of three solutions proposed known as Common Sense.

Under this approach, the ban would apply only when snow is on the ground. Absent snow, there would be no ban.

The other two options are parking on alternating sides of streets in older urban areas and exploring a different set of standards for urban, suburban and rural areas.

Coun. Dawn Sloane said she has received numerous emails and phone calls from people who are fed up with the ban. She believes now is the time to deal with this issue.

"If we wait I know exactly what's going to happen. It will get caught up in the minutiae, and the next thing you know we'll be stuck with the same ban all over again. And we can't do that," she said. "We have to keep pressing forward on this."

Tickets

Number of winter parking ban tickets issued over the past three winters:

- **2010-11** 7,637
- **2009-10** 10,573
- **2008-09** 18,038

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▶ The Discovery Centre.

Science centre gets funding for move

A popular science centre in Halifax is getting $700,000 from the Nova Scotia government to help it move to new quarters.

The Discovery Centre will set up in the new Nova Scotia Power complex on the harbourfront in 2013.

The new location will also allow for expansion, improved layout and better visitor services at the science centre.

Premier Darrell Dexter says the funding will be provided over three years and is seen as a way of supporting innovation and learning.

Moving

- The 25-year-old Discovery Centre is currently located on Barrington Street.

Nova Scotia Power is providing $8.5 million to the new centre, which had more than 80,000 visitors last year.

The centre's Science on the Road program also saw staff visit 25,000 students in classrooms. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ATTEMPTED MURDER

Man in court after shooting

Police say a 19-year-old male will appear in court today to face several charges including attempted murder after a 17-year-old was shot in the abdomen over the weekend.

Halifax Regional Police were called to 31 ½ Albro Lake Rd. in Dartmouth regarding a weapons call at about 1:20 p.m. on Saturday.

When officers arrived, the male victim was found suffering from a gunshot wound. He was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

A firearm, believed to be responsible for the shooting, was located at the scene, police say. And an adult male, identified yesterday as Trevor Kyle Hannan, was taken into custody. Police say the victim and the accused are known to each other.

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Courts argue publication ban

Nova Scotia's highest court says the media should be allowed to report the name of a teenage girl who was allegedly defamed on a phoney Facebook page.

However, in its judgment on Friday the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal maintained a publication ban on the girl's name and the alleged offending comments for another 60 days.

The appeal court or the Supreme Court of Canada could direct that the ban be longer.

The family's lawyers argued allowing media to identify the 15-year-old girl — who is trying to find out who's behind the postings — would only cause further harm.

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Facebook page

- The girl first learned of the fake profile page a year ago, when a friend sent her a copy of it.

Persistent fire finally controlled

Halifax firefighters were able to extinguish a stubborn blaze on Friday that flared up overnight after they thought they'd put it out late Thursday. Flames badly damaged two adjoining properties on Gottingen Street.

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Police look for teens after attack

Halifax Regional Police are looking for several teenagers who allegedly sprayed a man and woman with pepper spray on Friday. Police say about four men approached the pair as they walked in around Duffus and Isleville streets at 6:45 p.m. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Const. Lee Cooke

Award for Halifax top cop

Halifax Regional Police has named its top cop for 2010. Const. Lee Cooke, a beat officer in the Gottingen Street and Uniacke Square area, won the award at the department's annual awards night on Saturday.

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Police rule out foul play

DEATH. Cape Breton Regional Police say there is no foul play suspected in the death of a missing River Ryan man. Police say family members of Allan Gregory Boudreau, 53, discovered his body on Saturday at about 11:15 a.m.

CAPE BRETON POST



▶ Hope Swinimer carries Ralph the pelican from his temporary home at a wildlife rehabilitation centre in Seaforth yesterday. INSET: Driver Garry Sowerby checks on Ralph after the bird was placed in a van for a trip to a wildlife sanctuary.

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Ralph the pelican heads home in the belly of a van

Ralph has captivated people since getting caught far from southern U.S. home after hurricane Earl last fall

Ralph the pelican has finally begun his journey home.

But the bird's long-awaited return to the United States from Nova Scotia isn't a winged adventure.

Ralph — named for the Dartmouth strip club he set down on last September in rough weather — was loaded into a specially equipped van yesterday for a three-day road trip from Seaforth to North Carolina.

The bird, weighing about three kilograms with webbed feet and a barbed beak, has been cared for by an animal-welfare group in Seaforth since he veered off course during a hurricane and landed on the roof of Ralph's Place.

Hope Swinimer rescued him and has been feeding, cleaning and getting to know the mellow bird ever since.

Yesterday she bundled Ralph in a blue blanket and into the back of a white van for a unique — and surely smelly — drive.

"It's great to finally get him going," she said with a laugh as more than a dozen supporters cheered on his departure.

"I'm excited and we're all going to miss him here because he has sort of won over our hearts."

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Team effort

▶ A team of volunteers and workers at the Hope for Wildlife Society has tended to Ralph for the past several months, providing him with a steady supply of herring, vitamin supplements and cleaning treatments.

HOLY ANGELS

Historic all-girls school to close

There was another scene Friday of teary-eyed students leaving Sydney's Holy Angels High School lamenting the loss of their historic all-girls school.

This time there was no optimism nor a slight chance a deal could be worked out between the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board and the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame, who own the property and plan to sell it.

Holy Angels principal Theresa MacKenzie informed the student body that the 126-year-old institution — the only all-girls public school east of Ontario — will officially close in June.

"In some sense it's nice to know what finally is happening because it's been 16 months of not knowing," MacKenzie said afterwards.

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Man charged in stabbing

A man faces charges after a woman was stabbed in the chest yesterday.

RCMP say the stabbing happened before 4 p.m. at a home in Hebbville, which is south of Bridgewater.

A man from Hebbville was arrested at the scene.

The woman, also from Hebbville, was taken to the South Shore Regional Hospital with serious injuries.

Police say she is expected to recover.

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Animal houses at universities change rules across country

Toronto councillor trying to impose stricter rules on fraternities ‘Ryerson doesn’t have a party culture’

“Don’t feed students drinks; may cause vomiting and destruction.” If there were warning signs in dorms at Canadian universities, this is what they would say as schools tighten rules around dorm parties.

Officials at Toronto’s Ryerson University say they’re taking steps to discipline students after an “out-of-control” party in one residence racked up a costly cleaning bill, mostly for deep-cleaning vomit from carpets and sweeping up broken glass.

Some University of Toronto students lost access to their residence common room for several weeks after revellers smashed windows and broke a bathroom door.

At Ottawa’s Carleton University, administration seized control of Frosh Week last fall after things got out of hand at previous years’ festivities.

$4,000
Students at Toronto’s Ryerson University laid waste to the sixth floor of a dormitory on Feb. 2, racking up a $4,000 bill.

And the University of British Columbia students’ union has cancelled a weekly cheap-beer night after the RCMP were called in to investigate underage drinking.

Student housing manager Chad Nuttall says Ryerson may implement community billing or remove guest privileges for students living on the damaged floor.

Some students say that with strict rules they feel policed, and they do not feel at home in residence.

“Because if you were in your home you wouldn’t break lights or punch holes in the wall,” Ryerson student Rebecca Zanussi said.

Toby Whitfield, president of the Ryerson students’ union, says Ontario students living in residence are excluded from the majority of Ontario’s Landlord and Tenant Act.

“The reality is that residence students don’t really have any rights,” Whitfield said.

The union is working with other student organizations to try to get the act amended, Whitfield said.

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Tradition. Hungary



▶ Masked Busho men carry a coffin while marching through the town of Mohacs during the annual Busho Carnival in southern Hungary yesterday.

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Frightening faces from past

This carnival tradition dates back to 16th-century Hungary’s Ottoman occupation, when men of the Sokac ethnic group (related to the Croatians) of Mohacs dressed in sheep fur and wooden masks in a bid to frighten off their Turkish invaders.

Clashes mount toward civil war in Libya

Libyan helicopter gunships fired on a rebel force advancing west toward the capital along the Mediterranean coastline yesterday, and forces loyal to leader Moammar Gadhafi fought intense ground battles with the rival fighters.

The opposition force pushed out of the rebel-held eastern half of Libya for the first time late last week and has been cutting a path west toward Tripoli.

On the way, they secured control of two important oil ports at Brega and Ras Lanouf and by yesterday were advancing farther west when they were hit by the helicopter fire and confrontations with ground forces.

The uprising against Gadhafi, which began days after Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was ousted by protesters, has been sliding rapidly toward civil war, making it the bloodiest episode in the Middle East’s wave of unrest.



▶ Men try to reach food yesterday during a food and supplies handout in a refugee camp in Ras Ajdir, Tunisia, at the Tunisian-Libyan border.

REUTERS

The protesters-turned-rebels — backed by mutinous army units and armed with weaponry seized from storehouses — are going on the offensive to try to topple Gadhafi’s 41-year-old regime.

At the same time, pro-Gadhafi forces have conducted counteroffensives to try to retake rebel strongholds.

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Exodus

Some 200,000 people have fled Libya over the past two weeks as fighting stepped up.

- **More than half** of the refugees crossed into Tunisia.
- **Libya had been a magnet** for foreign labourers until the uprising erupted in mid-February.

Karzai spurns apology for killing of 9 boys

Afghanistan’s president rejected a U.S. apology yesterday for the mistaken killing of nine Afghan boys in a NATO air attack and said civilian casualties are no longer acceptable.

According to a statement from his office, Hamid Karzai told Gen. David Petraeus, the top commander of coalition forces in Afghanistan, that expressing regret was insufficient in last week’s killing of the boys, ages 12 and under, by coalition helicopters.

NATO also apologized.

Civilian casualties have been a major source of strain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suspected pirates captured

U.S. commandos have captured four suspected pirates who boarded a Japanese-owned oil tanker off the coast of Oman, anti-piracy officials say.

A statement by the international anti-piracy task force says the 24 crew members on the MV Guanabara took refuge in a protected part of the vessel after reporting on Saturday that they were under attack. A special unit from the destroyer USS Bulkeley boarded the tanker yesterday and detained the suspected pirates about 328 nautical miles southeast of Duqm in southern Oman.

The statement said no shots were fired and the crew were unharmed.

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WikiLeaks suspect stripped naked: Lawyer

The lawyer for Bradley Manning, who is suspected of leaking classified U.S. documents to WikiLeaks, says his client was stripped of all his clothing in jail at night because he made sarcastic comments about using underwear to commit suicide.

David Coombs said his client’s clothing was taken away because Manning remarked if he wanted to harm himself he could do that with “his underwear or with his flip-flops.”

Officials cited privacy rules in not disclosing more about the order that left Manning to sleep naked.

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HOLD OFF ON BAN UNTIL SNOW FALLS

Urban Compass

STEPHEN KIMBER



If it is possible — and it seems it is — for HRM's Traffic Authority to lift the overnight winter parking ban a month before its official best-before date because the weatherman isn't expecting snow for ... well, a week, but who's counting ... then why is it not possible to hold off on imposing the ban until the first snow hits the ground instead of, arbitrarily, on Dec. 15?

If it is also true — and it is — that, under Section 139 of the Motor Vehicle Act, cars can be towed if they get in the way of snow removal, whether the municipal parking ban exists or not ... then why exactly is it that we need said ban in the first place?

Just asking.

On Friday, Ken Reashor, the man behind the arbitrary authority that pronounces on all things parking ban, issued his third-year-in-a-row, ban-ending-early news release.

In it, he thanked us for being better children.

This winter, only 7,637 of us — count me among them — were ticketed for violating the ban, a drop of more than 3,000 — count me as one the naughty ones then, too — from the year before.

"This winter, only 7,637 of us — count me among them — were ticketed for violating the ban, a drop of more than 3,000 — count me as one the naughty ones then, too — from the year before."

Reashor also said he felt our pain.

"There are frustrations with the ban," he allowed, making it clear he occasionally reads newspapers or listens to talk radio. "But the rules always come down to ensuring our streets are well cleared and safe."

But is the one-size-fits-all ban really the best way to ensure that?

The ban kicked in each night at 1 a.m. — more than an hour before some downtown night spots closed— and didn't lift again until 7 a.m., an hour after many shift workers arrived for work.

While I have no excuse — just dumber-than-a-dustball carelessness — for my own tickets (I live on the peninsula and have a driveway), many who live in older sections don't have easy options.

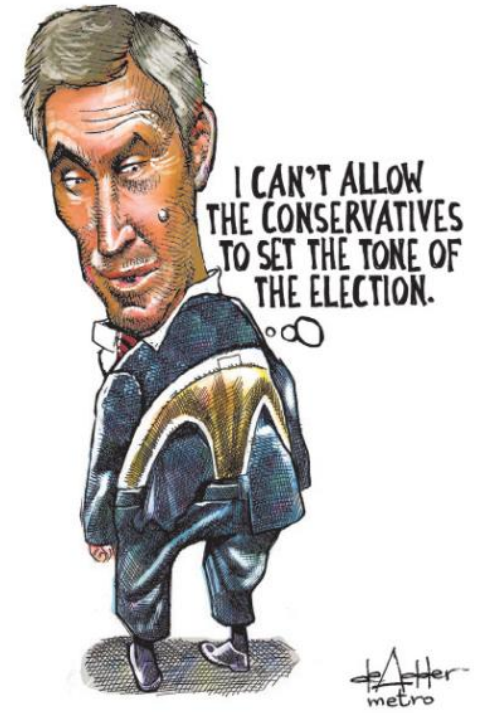
Halifax Coun. Dawn Sloane has been pressing, so far unsuccessfully, for changes to the ban: no snow, no ticketing; alternating-side-of-street parking in the downtown core; distinct rules for different sections of the regional municipality; etc.

Before the next snow falls — hopefully in 2012 — Halifax regional council needs to have that discussion.

Dec. 15 is just around the corner.

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



Stuck in the Middleton

Letters & Tweets

RE: Paul Sullivan's column, Family has become a royal bore, published February 23, 2011.

TORONTO. Just thinking about newspaper study when I was a student — and the expectations. I wondered about a statement recently in the column by Paul Sullivan — about the Prince William and Kate being rather boring — would much rather that this had been edited out — not a nice thing to hear, or for anyone to say.

We have "freedom of speech" — in theory — but not to be rude.

CATHERINE

We asked: Do you really care about the royal wedding?

TORONTO. My answer is NO. I have more No's to add. I am a proud Canadian citizen now. But the issues affecting my pride are:

1. How many flags do we need as Canadian flags? Abolish all province flags and keep only the Canadian flag. Allow only Canadian flag in Canada, not any other countries' flags.

2. Put a final referendum for Quebec and ask them if they want to be a Canadian province or a separate nation. Once they are in, treat Quebec as any Canadian province.

3. Remove the British monarchy from over our heads. We need a referendum for that. It's the biggest "gravy train" we have. **JO THOMAS**

Royals nation

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One of Halifax's best live-music venues is home to one of East Coast music's top performers tonight.

New Brunswick's Matt Anderson, who is nominated for four East Coast Music Awards in 2011, is bringing his musical hybrid of blues, roots and rock to the Carleton Music Bar and Grill starting at 9 p.m.

The sold-out show will mark the first time Anderson has headlined at the Carleton, but according to the restaurant's website, he has gone on stage several times to jam with other artists. **METRO**

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▶ New Brunswick's Matt Anderson

China vows sweeping economic reforms

China has vowed an economic overhaul that would raise the status of consumers and entrepreneurs.

As part of a five-year plan announced yesterday, Beijing wants to nurture growth driven by consumption and develop service and high-tech industries, Premier Wen Jiabao said.

But analysts say to achieve this, Beijing will have to cut subsidies and low-cost loans to state companies and other vested interests, which could trigger a backlash in the Communist Party. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ University of Vermont researcher Peter Purinton taps a check valve into a maple tree in Huntington, Vt.

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Tapping into a sweet deal

An inch-long adapter that sells for about 35 cents is raising hope among New England maple syrup producers that it could extend the six-week sugaring season. When plugged into tap holes, the adapter helps reduce the amount of sap flowing back into trees from the vacuum tubing used to carry it to sugarhouses for boiling into syrup. Timothy Perkins, director of the University of Vermont's Proctor Maple Research Center, who helped develop it, said almost all of the producers who used it last year were game to try it again this season.

Investors eye price of oil, bank earnings

- No sign of prices dropping, Manulife analyst says
- Crude up 16 per cent over past two weeks

Commodity prices driven higher by unrest in Libya and the Middle East and the last of Canada's big banks to report first-quarter earnings will drive the Toronto stock market this week.

"Economic data are positive, earnings are very positive. So company results are fantastic and support higher levels in the markets," said Phillip Petursson, director of institutional equities at Manulife Asset Management.

At the same time, there are real concerns that the turmoil in Libya could spread to other oil-rich countries in the Middle East, but so far the uncertainty hasn't dented investor enthusiasm. Crude finished last week at about $104 US, up 16 per cent over the past two weeks to a point where some analysts are starting to worry about how higher prices could affect the global recovery.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 4 P.M. FRIDAY

TSX	Dollar
+ 38.05 (14,252.77)	+ 0.05¢ (102.91¢ US)
Oil	**Natural gas 1,000 cu ft** $3.809 US (+ 3.1¢ US)
+ $2.51 US ($104.42 US)	**Gold contracts** $1,428.60 US (+ $12.20)

Meanwhile, Bank of Nova Scotia reports its first-quarter earnings tomorrow.

The financial sector was instrumental in the TSX racking up a gain of about 1.4 per cent last week as Bank of Montreal, Royal Bank and TD Bank beat expectations. TD also boosted its dividend, raising hopes for the rest of the sector.

Scotiabank is widely expected to report a dividend increase as well. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mad cow case no risk to public, officials say

Canada is dealing with a new case of mad cow disease.

The six-year-old dairy cow discovered in Alberta brings to 18 the number of cattle found in Canada with the fatal brain disease since 2003.

"A full investigation, following international guidelines, is underway," the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said on Friday in a news release. "No part of the animal's carcass entered the human food or animal feed systems."

Dr. Gerald Hauer, Alberta's chief veterinarian, said any animals that were born on the farm or shared the same feed as the infected cow will be destroyed.

"Public health was clearly protected here. There is no risk from this cow. It is extremely unlikely that you would get a second case on the farm," he said.

Hauer said the producer who owned the cow noticed something wrong with the animal and called his vet. A sample from the animal was sent to Alberta Agriculture for testing. The province then forwarded the sample to the CFIA for confirmation of the disease.

The agency says Canada continues to monitor cattle most at risk for bovine spongiform encephalopathy and more than 313,000 cattle have been tested since 2003.

It also says it expects a small number of additional cases will be found as Canada works to eradicate BSE. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Risk factor

Canada is categorized as being a controlled risk for bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

- To apply for negligible risk status, a country has to have **no cases for 11 years** after the birth year of the youngest animal diagnosed.
- **John Masswohl** of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association said the new case should not hurt Canada's global beef trade and Canada should still be able to apply for negligible risk status in 2015.
- The farm where the cow was found is **under quarantine** as officials test the feed and other animals in the herd for the disease.

Hefty fines for beauty firms

Spanish antitrust authorities have handed out $68 million US in fines to the Spanish units of L'Oreal, Procter & Gamble and other cosmetics companies for price-fixing.

The National Competition Commission in Madrid ruled that eight companies formed a cartel as far back as 1989, called themselves the G8 and met twice a year to co-ordinate pricing.

L'Oreal said it will appeal the ruling. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Spanish unit of French cosmetics giant L'Oreal was slapped with a $32 million fine for price-fixing, the highest in the group.



BEST WESTERN DARTMOUTH OPENS NEW BALLROOM WITH 'WOW FACTOR'

HOTEL ALREADY RECEIVING EAGER INQUIRIES ABOUT THE SPACE

The ballroom at the Best Western Dartmouth is so new that when Heather Doucet walks into the room she takes a whiff.

"It still has that new carpet smell," says Doucet, the hotel's manager of catering.

The 4000-square-foot ballroom was under construction for six months, and just opened on February 21, says the hotel's director of food and beverages, Daniel Delorme.

"What do people say when they walk into the room? Wow," he says. "They didn't realize it was as big as it was from outside, for one thing, and the colour schemes are really warm and inviting. It was done very well."

The ballroom added to the hotel's previous space, bumping up the space for meetings and conferences to a full 6000 square feet. The new ballroom is full of natural light, and features sliding panels that can divide the space into three rooms, each equipped with windows and audio/visual equipment.

The room has created a real buzz, says Delorme. He says the hotel has been taking bookings every day for weddings, and even events as far ahead as Christmas.

"We're now booked out for next Christmas on Saturdays," he says, pointing out that's far busier than last year, when booking continued as late as October. "I would say within a month or two we'll probably be totally booked up for Christmas."

The hotel is hoping the space will be a draw for trade shows, conventions, weddings, and meetings of all kinds.

"They were selling when it was just a patch of grass out there, and now that it's done we're having all our brides come back to take a look at the space," says Heather Doucet. "They're loving it. They can't believe how big it is. When they come in, it's a wow factor as soon as they walk into the room."

All the catering in the ballroom will be done by the in-house Trendz Café and Wine Bar, which was voted last year's "Best Large Restaurant" by the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia.

"With a name like Trendz, we have a lot to live up to with regards to the food," says Delorme, but he says that the winning combination was good service and Nova Scotian food with a twist. "If you see a dish, it may have a simple name, but it comes out well presented. People often say wow."

Doucet likes the potential for the new ballroom to keep her and the staff on their toes. "Oh gosh, yes," she says. "I hope so! It's going to bring us a lot of business, and keep us really busy."

BALLROOM AMENITIES

- The room is full of windows letting in natural light, and feels spacious with 12-foot ceilings.
- There is a bay door at one end of the room, with a road leading right up to the building on the outside. Daniel Delorme says the doors are ideal for loading and unloading equipment, from vehicles as large as a five ton truck. "You can actually bring in automobiles from dealerships for show cars and such," he says. "That makes it quite easy: you drive them right in and drive them right out."
- The neutral colour scheme of chocolate brown, beige, and light blue accents is warm and inviting.
- There are three sets of sophisticated A/V equipment: one 180-inch screen, and two 120-inch screens that pull down by remote control. Each screen is accompanied by an LCD projector mounted on the ceiling, and an integrated audio system.
- Trendz Café and Wine Bar is set up to do catering for over 300 people, an improvement over the previous space, which could only seat 100 people.
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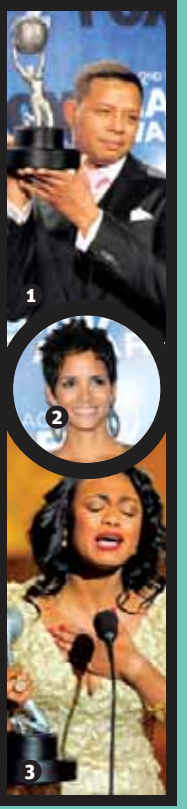
▶ Members of the Mocidade Alegre samba school march in their parade during Carnival celebrations in Sao Paulo, Brazil, yesterday. Millions of Brazilians are enjoying the sights and sounds of the parade of samba groups during Carnival celebrations in Brazil.

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A little fire is not going to stop samba groups from celebrating Carnival

Despite a fire in early February that ripped through warehouses where three elite samba groups were preparing for Carnival, incinerating more than 8,000 costumes and many of the massive, meticulously decorated floats, the Rio de Janeiro groups were able to join in on Braziil's festivities. The citizens of Rio rallied to help all three groups remake what was lost. This year's Carnival went on as planned for thousands of participants who put on one of the world's most spectacular shows: two nights of lavish parades that took place yesterday in Rio's Sambadrome stadium and are watched by millions in Brazil and abroad. For more, scan the code at right or visit metronews.ca.

Scene in brief



1 Terrence Howard won the award for outstanding supporting actor in a drama series for Law & Order: Los Angeles at the 42nd NAACP Image Awards on Friday.

2 Halle Berry won the award for outstanding actress in a motion picture for Frankie & Alice.

3 Tatyana Ali was named the outstanding actress in a daytime drama for The Young and the Restless.

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Long road inspires Cockburn's album

Canadian folk singer's 30th record has a highway feel to it because of his long drives from Kingston, Ont., to Brooklyn, N.Y. Was inspired by his visit to Canadian troops in Afghanistan

When Bruce Cockburn first began crafting his 30th record, he planned to embark on a pretty radical departure.

The 11-time Juno Award winner decided he would temporarily leave his signature literate, intricate folk-rock in the dust and embark on an entirely unfamiliar road.

"I had this notion that I wanted to do something different — after 29 albums of songs, at that point, it was time to do something else," the 65-year-old Cockburn said in a telephone interview from San Francisco.

"The older I get, and the more stuff I've done, the harder it is to come up with something new. There's sort of an inevitable slowing down that happens over time."

BRUCE COCKBURN

What, exactly, did he have in mind?

"In the beginning, when I wasn't really myself yet, I played in rock bands. And I missed the noise sometimes. I missed the power of volume. And I just had this idea that something very improvisational and loud was in order, kind of thinking like Sunn O))) meets Norwegian death metal — but with sensible lyrics," he said.

"I've never allowed myself to improvise much ... yet I love improvised music. So this was part of the thinking there too, not just volume, but also the freedom of that.

"But what happened, of course, was I ended up spending a lot of time with my girlfriend, as people do, in little apartments, where you can't just crank your amps and have your neighbours not lynch you. So the songs that came out just all went in the direction of an acoustic guitar, pretty much."

Yet while he's steered back to familiar terrain, the tunes that comprise Small Source of Comfort do not represent a compromise for the Ottawa folkie.

In fact, he laboured over some of these songs for ages, with the nearly five-year gap between albums ranking among the longest breaks in Cockburn's career.

HANDOUT



▶ Bruce Cockburn

As he often does, he found inspiration on the road.

Songs including Boundless, Five Fifty-One and The Iris of the World not only incorporate travel imagery into Cockburn's thoughtful-as-always lyrics, but also bounce, roll and churn forward with an ambling rhythm that really does call to mind the expanse of the open road.

"The album was very affected by long-distance driving," said Cockburn, who found himself regularly shuffling between Kingston, Ont., and Brooklyn, N.Y., where his girlfriend lived before moving to San Francisco.

"That's probably the single biggest theme that shows up in the lyrics.

"This album, to me, has very much a highway feel. I mean, even the instrumentals — Lois on the Autobahn got called that because everyone who heard it, including those of us who played it, (thought) it just felt like driving, like we were on the road somewhere."

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Twitter tirades cost Courtney Love $430K

Singer had accused fashion designer Dawn Simorangkir of theft, having a criminal background

Courtney Love's settlement of a case sparked by online attacks on a fashion designer shows that while Twitter posts may be short, they can also be costly.

The singer has agreed to pay Dawn Simorangkir $430,000 US, plus interest, to settle a lawsuit the designer filed in March 2009 over comments Love made on Twitter and her MySpace blog.

While the case didn't go to a jury, First Amendment experts say it highlights the need for celebrities and average people to watch what they say online.

"People are getting in trouble for Twitter postings on an almost daily basis," said First Amendment attorney Doug Mirell, a partner at Loeb and Loeb who did not handle the case.

"The laws controlling what is and isn't libellous are the same regardless of the medium in which the statements appear," he said.

Simorangkir's attorney, Bryan J. Freedman, agreed, and said Love's settlement should drive that point home.

"The fact is that this case shows that the forum upon which you communicate makes no difference in terms of potential legal exposure," Freedman said. "Disparaging someone on Twitter does not excuse one from liability."

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▶ Courtney Love has settled a case that was to be the first in which a jury decides whether a celebrity's Twitter posts could be considered libel.

Talking points

Arquette's 'dragon's blood'

ACCIDENT. David Arquette's Cadillac crashed head-on with another vehicle in Beverly Hills on Friday, but the actor was not seriously hurt and even joked about the collision on Twitter just a few hours later.

Arquette, 39, was "OK" after the crash, and was on his way to being treated, publicist Cindy Guagenti told The Associated Press in an email.

"I got into a car accident but I'm fine. Luckily I have dragon's blood running through my veins," Arquette quipped on his Twitter account about two hours after the accident. "Haha. Thank you for all your concern."

In another Tweet, he wrote: "Remember to wear your seatbelt — wish I was."

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Usher

Usher donates Gadhafi gig fee

CHARITY. Usher said Friday he's "sincerely troubled" to learn he appeared at a concert in St. Bart's linked to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's family and plans to donate his concert fee to human rights organizations.

Earlier this week, Mariah Carey, Beyoncé and Nelly Furtado all announced their performances at private concerts later revealed to be linked to the family of Gadhafi, whose country is openly revolting against him and who faces an investigation for possible war crimes.

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- Lightly salted air-popped popcorn is a perfect alternative to chips. It's high in fibre and low in fat.
- Instead of candy, serve up a bowl of fruit. It will satisfy your child's sweet tooth.
- Substitute a soft drink for a glass of skim milk. Milk is high in calcium. Stir in a dash of vanilla or almond for any extra yum factor.

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Charlie Sheen says the police took his children away, but claims his kids will be proud of their dad's erratic behaviour ◐ Does he have a point?

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▶ Charlie and daughter Sam Sheen in 2007.

The sins of the father

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Last week, police entered Charlie Sheen's home and removed his twin sons, according to Sheen, after a court granted a restraining order to his estranged wife, Brooke Mueller.

This is not surprising. Among the many bizarre statements Charlie Sheen made to the media recently — calling himself a warlock, claiming he's cured his drug addiction by closing his eyes — one stands out if you're a parent.

It's this:

NBC reporter: *Are you embarrassed that your children will read about this one day?*

Charlie Sheen: *God no. Talk about an education. They'll be like, 'That's the guy and we can get all the answers and the truth? Wow!' Winning!"*

Perhaps his children will be proud of dear old dad, who has been accused of shooting his girlfriend, overdosing on cocaine, leaving his kids with porn stars and destroying a New York hotel room.

Perhaps not.

But Sheen brings up an interesting question: Might there be "answers" found in a parent's addiction or erratic behaviour? Could a child learn how to live better, if only by learning what not to do?

"Parents make mistakes and kids sometimes end up doing the exact opposite, which is sometimes true. Not for me," says Nick Flynn.

His acclaimed memoir Another Bullshit Night in Suck City chronicled his estranged relationship with his alcoholic father, who he re-met while working at a homeless shelter (the movie version, starring Robert De Niro as dad, starts filming this week).

"I did similar things that my parents did. And addiction tends to get passed along unless something interrupts it — the cops maybe," said Flynn.

"That said, all the attention that Mr. Sheen is getting right now seems to fuel him. And that's a lesson that we're passing on to his children. That this engine is a benefit of this behaviour. So I think we're also part of it. The spectacle is part of it."

That makes the observation of Dr. Richard Warshak, author of Divorce Poison: How to Protect Your Family from Badmouthing and Brainwashing, all the more painful.

"We can hope that children will identify with their parents' good traits, and learn from their parents' errors," he says. But it's the attention that adds to the sting: "Children are embarrassed when their parents' flaws become public."

Sheen, for one, says he plans to rededicate himself to his family.

"Dude, you're 45 with five kids," he told NBC. "Let's do something different. Because this thing is boring." This "thing" might also be instructive — at least to other parents.

Next time you party, behave yourself and be careful what goes online. There are easier ways for your kids to learn lessons than reading about you on TMZ. Good parenting, warlocks: Winning!

Sheen's 5 kids

1 **Cassandra Jade Estevez**, age 26, with girlfriend Paula Profit

2 & 3 **Sam J. Sheen**, 6, and **Lola Rose Sheen**, 5, with then-wife Denise Richards

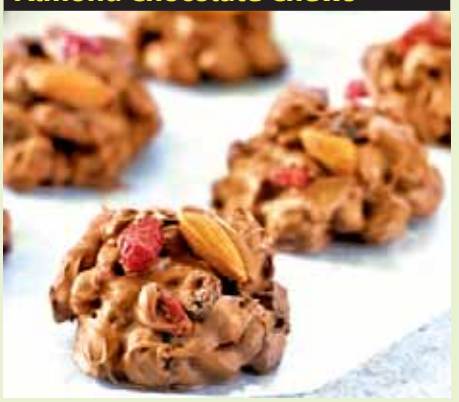
4 & 5 **Bob and Max Sheen**, twins, 1, with then-wife Brooke Mueller

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Almond Chocolate Chews



This no-bake recipe for Chocolate Almond Chews, developed for the Almond Board of California by Trish Magwood, author of the James Beard award winning cookbook Dish Entertains, and TV host of Party Dish, is perfect as an after-school snack.

Kids will also love to help make it because of the simple assembly.

Make the snack even more fun by putting it in a little pastry box or Chinese take-out box with a brown wool string and tie on a recycled gift card, and have your child take it to school during a special time such as someone's birthday.

Preparation:

1. In a large double boiler or large bowl over gently simmering water, melt chocolate and butterscotch chips for about 10 minutes.
2. Once melted, turn off heat. Add raisins, cranberries, pretzels and almonds.
3. Gently stir making sure no water gets into the bowl.
4. Drop teaspoonfuls onto wax paper lined cookie sheet.
5. Refrigerate until set for about 30 minutes.

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Ingredients:

- 1 package (2 cups, 500 mL) butterscotch chips
- 1 package (2 cups, 500 mL) chocolate chips
- 1 cup (250 mL) raisins
- 1 cup (250 mL) dried cranberries
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) salted pretzels, broken in half
- 2 cups (500 mL) whole almonds, dry roasted (or substitute with whole almonds, salted)

Pancakes for dinner? Why not

Whether or not you'll be celebrating Shrove Tuesday tomorrow, these fluffy buttermilk pancakes are a filling meal for any time of the day

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Each year, many families enjoy Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, which is the first day leading the 40 days of lent before Easter.

Eating pancakes for breakfast, lunch or dinner has always been a favourite thing to do in my house, and what's great about it is you may end up with leftovers to enjoy later in the week for a quick breakfast.

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▶ For larger pancakes use a 1/3 cup (75 mL) or 1/2 cup (125 mL) measure or ladle.

Preparation:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder and soda and salt; set aside.
2. In another bowl, whisk together buttermilk, egg, butter and vanilla. Pour over flour mixture and whisk until combined but still slightly lumpy.
3. Brush a large nonstick skillet or griddle with some of the oil and place over medium high heat. Pour the batter using 1/4 cup (50 mL) measure and spread out slightly to form pancakes. Cook until bubbles begin to appear on top, about 3 minutes. Flip over and cook until golden brown, about 1 minute. Remove to plate and repeat with remaining batter.

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Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) all-purpose flour
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) baking powder
- 1 tsp (5 mL) baking soda
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1 3/4 cups (425 mL) buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) butter, melted
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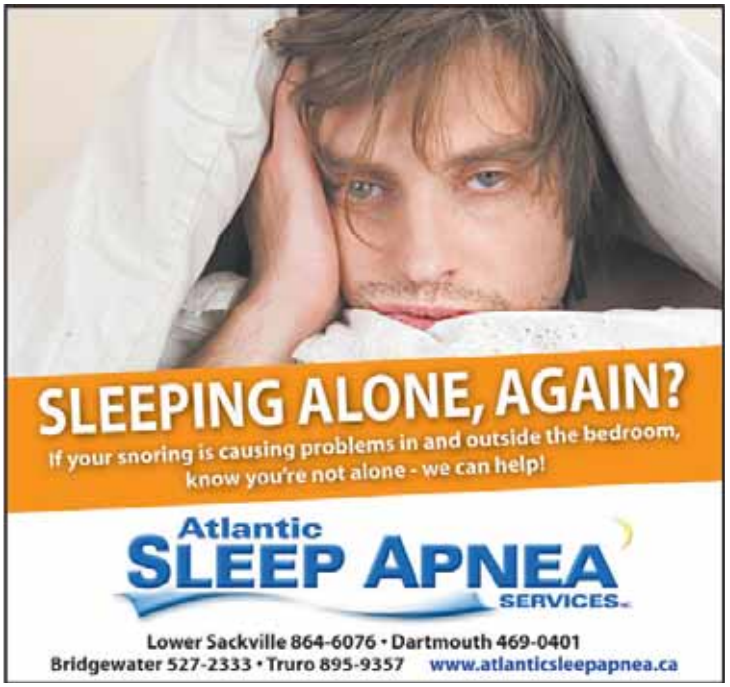
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These simple tips will get you started on taking the big guesswork out of greening-up life on the home front

If your New Year's resolution included a commitment to green living, it can be hard to know where to start. The first step in your eco-makeover can feel like the hardest, but it doesn't have to be. Follow these tips and you'll be on your way to clean, green living.

ISTOCK



▶ Look around your home for opportunities to improve your green lifestyle.

Lose the bag

Plastic bags are building up in landfills at an alarming rate. To stop the plastic build up in your home, make the switch to reusable cloth bags for your groceries and daily shopping.

They fit easily in your purse, glove compartment or desk drawer and typically hold more products than a traditional plastic shopping bag.

Hang out

Hang-drying your laundry is a great way to cut down on energy costs. Putting up a clothes line is easy and cost effective. Hanging your clothes to dry is a great way to cut back on the use of energy-hogging appliances like dryers, and free up money for some fun activities.

Recycle and Reuse

Recycling is great, but reusing a product before it hits the recycling bin is an even better way to be environmentally friendly. Reusing products can be easier than you think. Clean yogurt containers are great for storing the clothes pins for your laundry line; wrapping paper from gifts doubles as fun liners for your drawers and cupboard shelves; and leftover Christmas cards are great for kids' craft projects. By repurposing products, you're making a commitment to the environment and keeping extra money in your pocket, too.

Connect

Sharing tips and tricks with others is a great way to get new ideas for going green. Finding a community of people dedicated to living green is a great way to stay on track with your goals and have a resource for your questions. Join online communities like the Green Works Facebook page.

Going green doesn't have to be difficult and it can bring a whole new level of freshness to your home. NEWS CANADA



JURY STILL OUT ON BAMBOO TOWELS

Are bamboo towels the greenest option when it comes to an eco-makeover of my bathroom?
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Simply put, yes and no. Over the past few years, bamboo has gained popularity and has become a widely available option for products like textiles and flooring. When it comes to clothing and linens, the softness of this fabric is hard to resist, as is its breathability, wrinkle resistance and absorbency (an important towel characteristic).

Bamboo has been touted as a sustainable natural fibre because it's made from pulp.

But bamboo is actually a grass that grows in bamboo forests that are quick to regenerate and require little or no pesticides.

Where bamboo fabric falters on its green path is in the processing. At first, harsh chemical solvents are used by some manufacturers to get the tough bamboo fibre into a form that could be woven into yarn. A similar process is used to make rayon.

New methods involve a closed-loop system that captures and reuses less toxic or nontoxic chemicals to dissolve the pulp. How can you tell which processing method was used to make your new towel? Research the manufacturer or look for the Oeko-Tex label.

It provides third-party certification that products have been manufactured using environmentally friendly processes.

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FRUITS OF HIS LABOUR

[illegible] knows about life he learned from the produce business.

"As a little lad I used to do my Mom's shopping with a few shillings in my pocket."

He is an award-winning businessman, entrepreneur and media personality whose personality and charming English accent compliment his outstanding accomplishments.

Growing up in England, Pete Luckett was running his first fruit stall at the age of 21. Anxious to travel the world, he settled in Canada in 1979. After a failed attempt at farming near Moncton he hitchhiked to St. Johns and went back into the food market business.

"I sweet-talked the owner of the market to let me have a booth and with my last 300 bucks I started my first fruit stand."

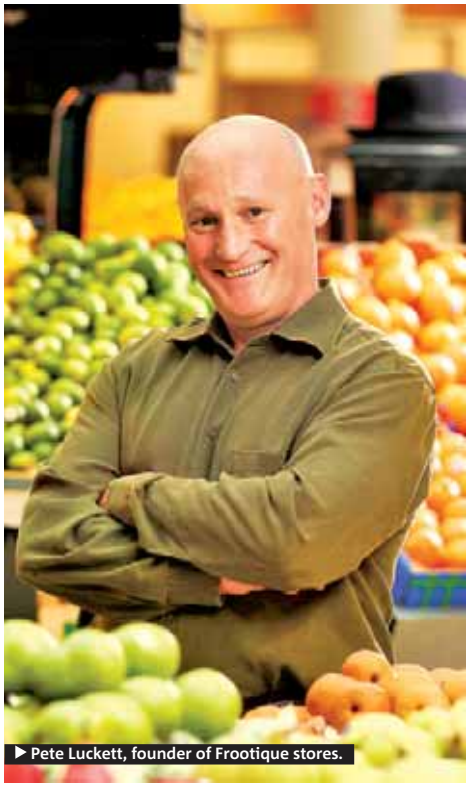
Powered by Pete's determination and savvy business principals, Pete's Frootique stores have won multiple awards and are now one of Eastern Canada's strongest brands.

"You've gotta go through hardship to be able to survive. It may be tough at the time, but it builds character and helps you get through the next challenge you face."

Good eats

Pete says, "Life is like the produce business."

- Kiss the old stuff goodbye and dump it.
- The sooner you get over your last loss, there's a box of new apples to move on to.



▶ Pete Luckett, founder of Frootique stores.

Cell world

BOOK REVIEW

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It seems the world is getting smaller by the minute. Originally we thought it was the Internet that was leading this shrinkage, however, it's more likely mobile phones.

David Clemons and Michael Kroth, PhD, authors of Managing the Mobile Workforce, feel given that in 2008 over 3.9 billion mobile subscriptions existed and "is predicted to reach 5.6 billion by 2013" the world of business needs to chip away at its brick and mortar approach to managing the workforce.

The mobile workforce is best described as "individuals who are not physically located within a centralized physical building and those who move between work locations within a centralized location, and who are able to access company resources through private networks, the Internet and mobile networks."

For most businesses this model has endless potential ranging from financial relief of having to supply real estate to house staff to a committed workforce who are happy to work productively whilst eliminating their commute.

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"Establishing trust mobily is one of the most difficult things you'll have to accomplish as a leader, and yet it is the key to long term success."

Mobile technology is changing not just where we think people should work, but how work gets done.

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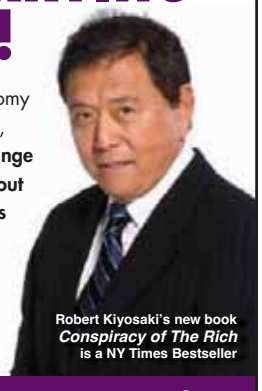
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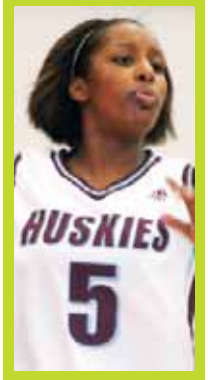
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More sports



The Saint Mary's Huskies were on the sidelines yesterday as the Cape Breton Capers won their third straight Atlantic University Sport women's basketball championship in St. John's, N.L. The Capers beat the UNB Varsity Reds 65-60 in the final. The Huskies were eliminated in Friday's quarter-finals with a 74-63 loss to the St. Francis Xavier X-Women, receiving 21 points apiece from Justine Colley (pictured) and Susanne Canvin.

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▶ Members of the Dalhousie Tigers celebrate from the bench as the final seconds wind down in their 78-47 win over the Acadia Axemen in the AUS men's basketball championship at the Metro Centre yesterday.

Clock strikes midnight at AUS Final 6

- Tigers' early domination sinks weary underdog Axemen
- Defence propels Dalhousie into Final 8 starting Friday in Halifax



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"They play so hard all the time ... But I think they ran out of gas in the end."
TIGERS HEAD COACH JOHN CAMPBELL, DISCUSSING THE AXEMEN

The Dalhousie Tigers stomped all over the Acadia Axemen's Cinderella run at the Atlantic University Sport Final 6.

The Tigers, facing an upstart opponent that was coming off an epic semifinal upset over the top-ranked Cape Breton Capers, made an emphatic statement heading into nationals with a 78-47 win at the Metro Centre yesterday for their second men's basketball banner in three years.

Shortly after tip-off, the Tigers went on a dominating 22-0 run over a 10-minute stretch to grab a 33-6 lead. From there, it was little more than a countdown to trophy time.

"They had an amazing tournament, but we were ready for them," said Tigers guard Simon Farine, a four-time all-star who was named Final 6 MVP for the second time.

"I think we were the better team and we showed it."

The Tigers' stingy defence, which has led the conference three years running, threw up a brick wall that was even more impenetrable than usual.

With only six points allowed in the first quarter — which Farine called "our best 10 minutes of defence this year" — and nine in the third, the 47-point lockdown is the best at the Final 6 in at least eight years.

"We're known as a strong defensive team, and that's the way we want to be known," said Tigers centre Joseph Schow, who had 34 points and 25 rebounds in two Final 6 games. "We're a team that grinds out wins and clearly it worked today."

While the defensive effort was stifling, there was little the Axemen could do to thwart the Tigers' offence.

If it wasn't Farine, who had a team-high 24 points, it was the six-foot-nine Schow, a tower of power in the paint, or North Preston's Juleous Grant, who nailed big shots as part of a 14-point effort.

"When you're playing in a championship game, if your adrenaline's not running, I'm not sure what's wrong with you," Farine said. "We came out and played great."

Acadia hit ceiling against Dal

After a Saturday-night semifinal overtime upset of the Capers that will go down as one of the most memorable in Final 6 history, the fifth-seeded Axemen admitted they had little left against the Tigers.

It was Acadia's third game in three days to Dal's second.

"We were still emotional from our last game," said Axemen guard Alex MacLaughlin, a Dartmouth native. "I think all of us were a little tired. Myself, I had no legs when I was trying to shoot the ball."

MATTHEW WUEST

Bracket set for Final 8

The Dalhousie Tigers will face the Canada West runner-up Saskatchewan Huskies in the quarter-finals at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Final 8 men's basketball championship.

The Tigers earned the sixth seed for the tournament, which starts Friday at the Metro Centre, pitting them against the third-seeded Huskies.

The Huskies went 20-4 this season before losing to the UBC Thunderbirds in the Canada West championship game.

The Thunderbirds, who went 22-2 this season, earned the top seed and open in the quarter-finals against the Acadia Axemen.

The Carleton Ravens, who went 22-0 this season, earned the second seed despite falling to the Lakehead Thunderwolves in the Ontario final.

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Final 8 seeding

Seeds for the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Final 8 starting Friday at the Metro Centre (regular-season / playoff records in parentheses):

1. UBC (22-2 / 4-0)
2. Carleton (22-0 / 2-1)
3. Saskatchewan (20-4 / 3-1)
4. Lakehead (17-5 / 3-0)
5. Trinity Western (21-3 / 3-2)
6. **Dalhousie (14-6 / 2-0)**
7. Concordia (12-4 / 2-0)
8. **Acadia (7-13 / 2-1)**

Sports in brief

Drakkar's loss gives Moose a spot in playoffs

QMJHL. The Baie-Comeau Drakkar have sent the Halifax Mooseheads to the QMJHL playoffs for the first time in three years.

The 15th-place Mooseheads clinched a post-season berth on Saturday night when the Drakkar lost 6-2 to the Victoriaville Tigres.

Although the Drakkar can still catch the 16th-place Cape Breton Screaming Eagles for the final spot, they can no longer catch the Herd.

The Mooseheads are 19-40-1-2, two points ahead of the Screaming Eagles. The 16th-place finisher will face the nationally top-ranked Saint John Sea Dogs, 53-6-1-2, in the first round of the playoffs.

The Mooseheads, who haven't played a playoff game since April 24, 2008, host the P.E.I. Rocket on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Dollard powers win over Kebs



▶ Josh Dollard

PBL. Josh Dollard's continued domination lifted the Halifax Rainmen to another win on the weekend.

The 24-year-old power forward posted his third straight 30-point effort, dropping 37 points on the Quebec Kebs in Saturday's 100-99 victory at the Metro Centre.

The win leaves the Rainmen third in the premier Basketball League with an 8-6 record, a game behind the second-place Kebs, 9-5.

The Kebs also beat the Rainmen 92-90 earlier Saturday after replaying overtime from a Feb. 4 contest that had its result overturned.

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Huskies won't go without a fight

- [illegible]
- season at Keating Millennium Centre
- Bid for consecutive titles still alive



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The Saint Mary's Huskies and St. Francis Xavier X-Men are going the distance.

The Huskies staved off elimination in the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey quarter-finals last night in Antigonish, defeating the X-Men 4-1 to even the series at two games apiece.

The deciding Game 5 will be played tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Forum.

"You just saw our team with its back to the wall," said Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg.

"Opposed to going out there and not wanting to lose, our guys went out there with determination. They want to keep playing hockey this year and that shined through."

The Huskies scored in each period to grab a 3-0 lead, getting an even-strength marker from Kyle Wharton in the first, a two-man power play goal from Chris MacKinnon in the second, and a shorthanded tally from Cory Tanaka in the third.

Although R.D. Chisholm broke Neil Conway's shutout bid in the third, Colby Pridham finished it off the scoring for the Huskies with another 5-on-3 power-play tally late in the third.

Conway finished with 16 saves as the Huskies outshot the X-Men 37-17.

"We've come in here before, outplayed them and didn't win, but tonight we played very well," Stienburg said.

"We found a way to get pucks to the net, and some of them went in for us."

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO



▶ Neil Conway made 16 saves last night but just missed a shutout.

Uphill. Battle



▶ Nova Scotia skip Shawn Adams calls to sweepers in Draw 3 against Manitoba at the Brier Canadian Curling Championships in London, Ont., yesterday.

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Adams off to winlesss start at Brier

Nova Scotia's Shawn Adams dropped three straight games to start off the Tim Hortons Brier, losing on Saturday 10-4 to Quebec's Francois Gagne and yesterday to Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton (8-3) and Ontario's Glenn Howard (7-4). Adams' rink has a chance to get into the win column today with matches against the Northwest/Yukon Territories and Saskatchewan. Stoughton (4-0) and Kevin Martin's Alberta rink (3-0) are the only remaining unbeaten teams at the tournament.

NBA gives England hoops credibility

The NBA's latest foray to Europe gave a welcome shot in the arm not only to the ailing New Jersey Nets but also to Britain in its attempt to compete in next year's London Olympics on home territory.

The Nets ended a six-game losing streak with back-to-back wins over the Toronto Raptors.

Both Friday and Saturday's games packed in crowds of 18,700 at the O2 Arena with the Nets' triple-overtime success on Saturday, giving the crowd a hint of what it could get when the Olympics hit town in less than 17 months.

"The crowd was unbelievable," said Andrea Bargnani, who had a team-high 35 points and 12 rebounds in the loss Saturday. "It's great the Olympics are going to be here."

That will be music to the ears of Britain's basketball officials, who discover next Sunday whether FIBA allows Britain's men's and women's teams to compete in the 2012 Games.

The hosts have had to show improvement to their long-term basketball program before FIBA allows them to participate next year. The NBA games in London show there is a market and a fan base for the sport in Britain.

"When you're a host country it makes a lot of sense to have the home side there to cheer on," said Raptors coach Jay Triano.

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▶ Deron Williams, right, steals the ball from Jose Calderon Saturday.

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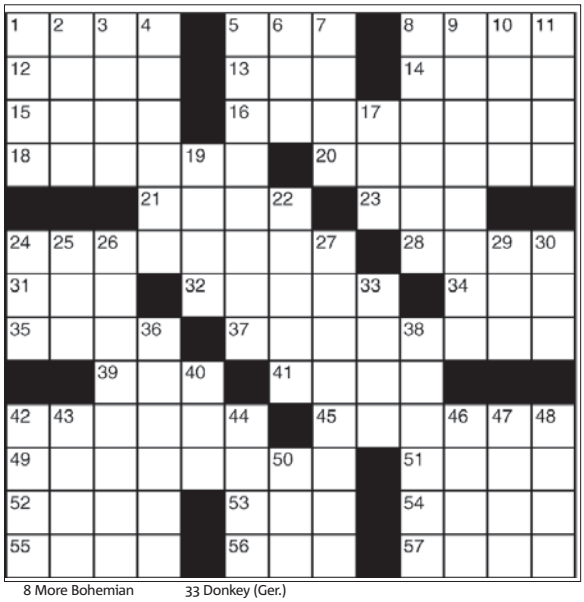
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4 Becomes a flower
5 Period of inactivity
6 Goof up
7 Honey bunch?
8 More Bohemian
9 Muhammad's footstep-following daughter
10 Bancroft or Boleyn
11 Fixes illegally
17 Pigpen
19 — -tat-tat
22 Galore, in disco-era jargon
24 Before (Pref.)
25 Agent, for short
26 Current
27 Twilight times
29 Gun the engine
30 Female sheep
33 Donkey (Ger.)
36 Gliding dance step
38 "Jeopardy!" emcee Alex
40 Smack
42 Blue shade
43 Rotate
44 At hand
46 TV's "Warrior Princess"
47 Harrow rival
48 Back talk
50 Rowing tool

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	L	A	■	G	U	S	H	■	L	E	E	K
R	O	C	■	A	S	I	A	■	A	N	T	I
K	O	H	L	R	A	B	I	■	B	E	A	N
S	P	Y	I	N	G	■	R	H	O	■	■	■
■	■	■	F	E	E	■	C	A	R	R	O	T
B	E	G	E	T	■	M	U	G	■	A	P	E
L	I	A	R	■	P	A	T	■	A	J	A	R
O	R	E	■	F	A	X	■	P	S	A	L	M
C	E	L	E	R	Y	■	L	A	P	■	■	■
■	■	■	V	I	A	■	D	R	I	V	E	L
K	A	L	E	■	B	R	O	C	C	O	L	I
G	L	E	N	■	L	O	P	E	■	T	A	N
B	E	E	T	■	E	T	A	L	■	E	N	D

Sudoku

		6	9			4	1	
2						3		6
	3			6				2
	8				7	6		
			1		4			
		2	5				3	
3				7			4	
5		9						3
	6	1			8	7		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	7	9	5	6	1	3	4	8
1	4	8	9	7	3	5	2	6
6	3	5	2	4	8	9	1	7
7	5	3	4	2	6	1	8	9
8	2	6	1	9	7	4	3	5
9	1	4	8	3	5	7	6	2
4	8	1	7	5	2	6	9	3
3	9	7	6	8	4	2	5	1
5	6	2	3	1	9	8	7	4

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K,
You're my fraternal twin all the way, and one of the few people who takes me for who I am. Hope we get an answer from SGS soon, and that your HC smartens up and sends you one of these too. Sincerely, **PCD**

My lovely Nina, I am so lucky to find you in this crowded world. You are in a place so far far away, but I am sure we will be together again soon! Happy Birthday. Your darling, **EUGENE**

Beth B. I am sooo happy for you and your brand new baby girl! She is so beautiful and I can't wait for her to grow up into a beautiful women just like you. I can't tell you how thankful I am that you are in our lives. Smile big... Hopefully you will get some sleep soon! Yours always. **TURKEY**



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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You won't have much time for someone who is too lazy to get off their backside and make things happen – and you'll let them know.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It may be tempting to start something new today but you know you should be biding your time and conserving your energy.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Play by the rules today, because if you cut corners in any way you will be found out and the results won't be too pleasant. People in positions of authority are watching you closely, so watch what you say and do.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you promised to do something for a friend but now find you don't want to, that's too bad. This is not something you can wriggle out of, not unless you are ready to see your reputation head south in a hurry!

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Far too many people seem to have a say in your life at the moment and you've got to make an effort to change that.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The more someone insists that you follow their example the more you must insist that you will go your own way, thank you very much. This is a battle of wills you cannot afford to lose, so be ruthless.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If there is something that has been gnawing away at your conscience now is the time to admit your guilt.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Someone you work with has made a mistake and is looking around for someone on whom they can pin the blame. Don't let it be you. Let them know that you will not be the fall guy, now or in the future.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It's not like you to be cautious but for some reason you're reluctant to make changes. According to the planets you are right to hold back because later in the week you'll be snowed under in unexpected events

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 When Uranus changes signs towards the end of the week a new world of possibilities will open up for you. Are you ready to take advantage of them?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Something you said or did a few weeks ago will come back to upset your plans today, but there's nothing much you can do about it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Try not to be too sensitive if someone makes a critical remark about you today. If they see you are hurt it will encourage them to be even more negative about you. Pretend you don't care. ● SALLY BROMPTON

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